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- 1. PRESIDENT SANGOULE LAMIZANA ARRIVED GABON AGUST 10 FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO GABON. HE STAYED ON FOR GABONESE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION AND DEPARTED LIBREVILLE AUGUST 18 AFTER AFTER A CORDIAL AND APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL STAY.
- 2. LAMIZANA TOOK PART IN NORMAL EVENTS OF OFFICIAL VISIT STATE DINNER, KEY TO LIBREVILLE AND VISIT TO INTERIOR ECONOMIC CENTERS.
- 3. AS WELL AS USUAL FINAL COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMING IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND CULTURAL ACCORD, A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND LABOR CONVENTION AND A PROTOCIL ESTABLISHING A VOLTAN-GABONESE PERMANENT "COMMISSION PARITAIRE" WERE SIGNED AT END OF VISIT. THE LATTER TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SOUGHT BY GOG TO PERMIT VOLTAN LABORERS TO COME TO GABON TO WORK ON CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSGABON RAILROAD.
- 4. GABON, AN UNDERPOPULATED STATE IN FULL ECONOMIC EXPANSION, REQUIRES MORE LABORERS THAN CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY. GOG SOUGHT THIS ACCORD AS VOLTAN WORKERS ARE SEEN HERE AS BEING INDUSTRIOUS AND NON-POLITICAL. TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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